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HOUSE BILL NO. 198

BY REPRESENTATIVES THIBAUT, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BROSSETT, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CROMER, DIXON, EDWARDS, FANNIN, FOIL, GALLOT, GISCLAIR, GUILLORY, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HUTTER, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LAFONTA, LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCET, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES, TEMPLET, THIERRY, TUCKER, WADDELL, WILLIAMS, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS ADLEY, ERDEY, MCPHERSON, MOUNT, RISER, AND SHAW

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:490.22, relative to military honor license plates; to provide for the establishment of a military honor license plate for members of the United States Armed Forces; to provide for the design and issuance of the license plate; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:490.22 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§490.22. Military honor license plates; United States Armed Forces

A. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to the members of the five active-duty services and their respective guard and reserve units of the Armed Forces of the United States.

B. Upon application of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall establish a military honor license plate to be known as the "United States Armed Forces" license plate. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans. The secretary shall design the plates, which shall bear the likeness of the official emblem of the United States Armed

1        Forces on the left side of the license plate and the words "U.S. Armed Forces" shall  
2        be printed across the bottom of the license plate under the numbers and the words  
3        "Active Duty" shall be printed underneath the words "U.S. Armed Forces".

4                C. The fee for the license plate shall be the standard motor vehicle  
5        registration license fee as provided for in R.S. 47:463 and a handling fee of three  
6        dollars and fifty cents to offset a portion of the department's administrative costs.

7                D. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the  
8        provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules governing the transfer  
9        of the license plates from one vehicle to another and the disposition of such license  
10       plates.

11               E.(1) Any applicant who qualifies for the military honor license plate  
12       authorized by this Section may be issued a plate for each vehicle registered in the  
13       applicant's name. Upon renewal of the license plate, the applicant shall present proof  
14       of active duty status.

15               (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, each military honor  
16       license plate issued under this Section shall be returned to the secretary upon the  
17       death of the person to whom the plate was issued.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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